

# Questionnaire

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**We currently have a federal budget surplus. Which two of the following is most important to use the surplus on.**

- \_\_\_ Strengthening Medicare
- \_\_\_ Saving Social Security
- \_\_\_ Tax cuts
- \_\_\_ Paying off the national debt
- \_\_\_ Improving local education

**What is the most pressing issue facing Congress today?**

- \_\_\_ The Economy
- \_\_\_ Education
- \_\_\_ Saving Social Security
- \_\_\_ The high cost of prescription drugs
- \_\_\_ Too much violence on television
- \_\_\_ Immigration
- \_\_\_ Crime
- \_\_\_ The need for tax cuts
- \_\_\_ Threat of violence/war around the world
- \_\_\_ Other -----(specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**What is the most pressing issue facing your neighborhood today?**

- \_\_\_ Economic Development
- \_\_\_ Crime
- \_\_\_ Congestion/overcrowding
- \_\_\_ Inadequate Housing
- \_\_\_ Lack of adequate retail stores
- \_\_\_ Lack of public transit
- \_\_\_ Aircraft noise
- \_\_\_ Changing characteristic of the neighborhood
- \_\_\_ Cleaning up your neighborhood

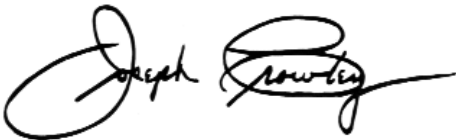
Are you retired? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Do you have private health insurance? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Were/Are you a City/State/Federal employee \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Are you a member of a labor union \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Do you have kids in school? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No If YES, public \_\_\_or private \_\_\_  
Are you a member of a PTA or local community group? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Do you read a newspaper daily? \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Which one (check all the apply)  
\_\_\_Daily News \_\_\_New York Times \_\_\_Newsday \_\_\_New York Post

**If there were one thing you would change about the Federal government what would it be?**

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# A Budget For New York's Working Families



*"I believe a tax cut must be part of a responsible budget that balances the priorities important to New York's families and seniors—ensuring the future of Social Security and Medicare, improving local education, providing affordable prescription drugs for seniors and lifting the burden of the national debt from our children and grandchildren,"*

– Congressman Joseph Crowley

## “Your Family DOESN’T Spend Money You Might Have in the Future—*Why Should the Federal Government?*” —Congressman Joseph Crowley

A typical New York family does not decide to take an expensive vacation or buy a new car before making sure that there is enough money in the family budget to:

- Pay the rent or mortgage
- Pay the grocery bills
- Pay the utility bill and other expenses

The Republican Congress recently passed President Bush’s budget and bloated \$1.35 trillion – plus tax cut for the wealthiest Americans. This budget fails to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and improve our crumbling schools.

The American economy has recently broken all peacetime economic records. Former President Clinton and Democrats in Congress were successful in paying off the country’s annual deficits and making progress toward total debt elimination within the next decade, as well as creating millions of new jobs and expanding home ownership opportunities for all Americans.

While there have been recent signs of a slowing economy, President Bush and the Republicans are pushing a budget-busting \$1.35 trillion tax cut of which nearly half will go to the richest 1% of Americans. This risky tax scheme threatens our nation’s hard-earned economic prosperity.

### Helping Children Learn in the Most Modern Classrooms Crowley Secures Funding for New York City Children in 2001 Budget



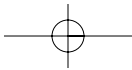
Last year, Congressman Crowley worked to help New York City schools secure **\$66 million** to reduce class size and allow our teachers to spend more individual teaching time with our children. In addition, nearly **\$50 million** was provided for New York City to update our classrooms, repair schools and provide our children an education befitting the new Millennium.

Congressman Crowley announces a \$721,000 grant for Community School District 24 for after school programs. Under the proposed budget by the Majority Party, after school programs would be cut and New York City could lose as much as \$48 million in emergency school repair funds.



Congressman Joseph Crowley joined Congressman Charles B. Rangel of Manhattan and Congresswoman Nancy L. Johnson of Connecticut in introducing their bi-partisan legislation, the America’s Better Classroom Act of 2001, which would provide over \$25 billion nationally, and \$1.5 billion to New York City in interest free bonds – to rebuild and modernize schools and classrooms.

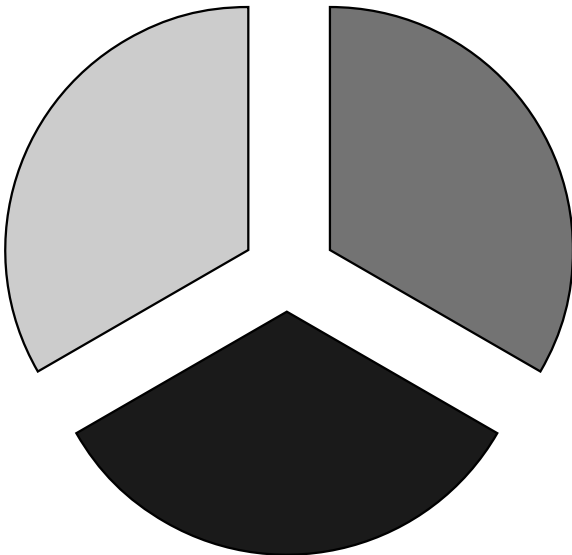




# Using the Federal Budget Surplus for Working Families

The Crowley Budget is a responsible plan that starts by protecting the Social Security and Medicare Trust Fund in a lock box.

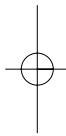
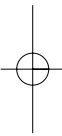
- The Crowley Budget sets aside one-third of the non-Social Security and Medicare Surplus to meet our current needs: to rebuild and modernize overcrowded New York schools, provide a prescription drug benefit under Medicare for seniors and the disabled, and to ensure patients rights and protections.



- The Crowley Budget reserves one-third of the surplus to provide a tax cut for all Americans by reducing the marriage penalty and estate tax burdens for all taxpayers.

- The Crowley Budget sets aside one-third of the surplus to continue our success at reducing the national debt so our children are not saddled by our debt.

## Protecting Medicare and Social Security Crowley Secures Funding for New York Health Care and VA Programs



Congressman Crowley's work on last year's budget included ensuring New York's health systems will see a Medicare funding increase of more *than \$750 million* over the next five years. Congressman Crowley worked to secure an increase of *\$26 million* in critical federal funding for hospitals and health systems in his district in Queens and the Bronx. This funding means better health care for New Yorkers. Additionally, to help New York City veterans, Congressman Crowley successfully won an additional *\$64.4 million* in health care funding for VA hospitals in last year's budget.

Congressman Crowley is recognized as a "fighter" for Social Security and Medicare by the Committee to Protect Social Security and Medicare and seniors at the Northeast Bronx Senior Center at St. Benedict's Church.



Congressman Joseph Crowley talks with veterans from VFW Post 2813, John V. Daniels, Jr. Memorial Hall in Sunnyside, at a town hall meeting to discuss his success in including \$64.4 Million in extra health care funding for New York's VA hospitals.

